

East-West Passenger Rail Study Update

February 10, 2020

Rail Study Analysis Released February 6

- February 6: MassDOT released data to public on specific Preliminary Alternatives for passenger rail service between Pittsfield, Springfield, Worcester and Boston.
- Advisory Committee heard a presentation on data in Springfield.
- Committee and the public asked to consider data and provide feedback on data focused on six options made public last year.
- Information includes possible corridors, station stops, frequency of weekday round trips, anticipated ridership and costs.
- We know how important enhanced rail service connecting Western
 Massachusetts and Boston is and this data gives us a better foundation to work
 from as we consider the options.
- MassDOT will work with the Advisory Committee to develop cost-effective options to include in the final report this spring and work with our Congressional delegation because federal funding will clearly be needed.

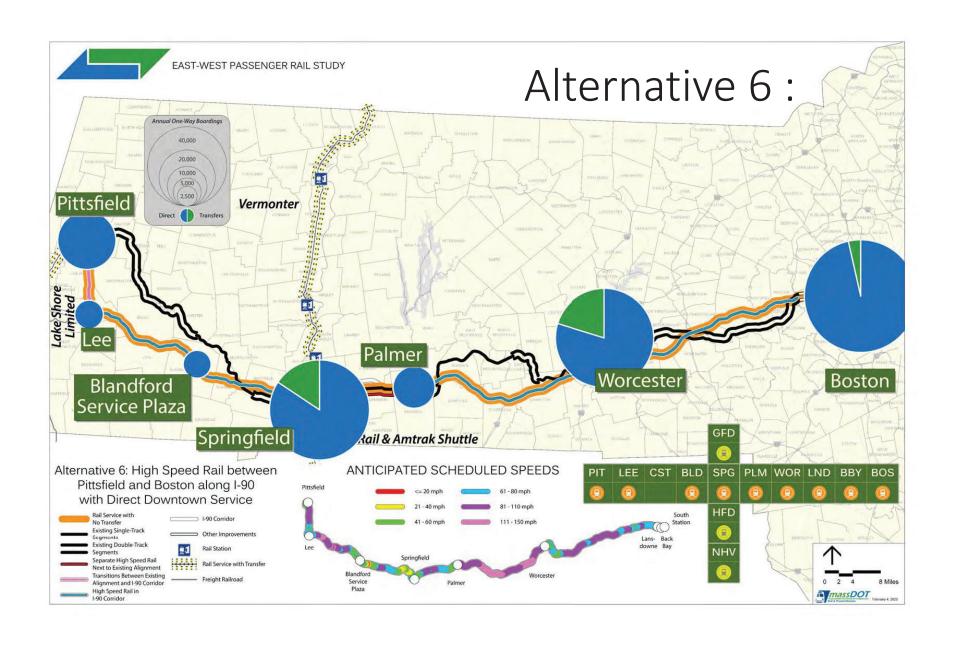












Study Schedule

Task	2018	2019												2020				
	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	Septembe	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May
Task 1: Document Past Efforts																		
Task 2: Current Conditions: Market Analysis																		
Task 3: Physical, Regulatory, ROW Ownership																		
Task 4: Potential Service Plan and Alternatives																		
Task 5: Analysis of 6 Preliminary Alternatives																		
Task 6: Analysis of 3 Final Alternatives																		
Task 7: Development of Recommended Next Steps																	0	
Task 8 Public Involvement Plan	♦			\				♦								>	*	
Study Advisory Committee Meetings	♦																	
Public Informational Meetings	\rightarrow																	
Draft and Final Report																		

Future Events

- In addition to the February 6 public meeting of the Advisory Committee, there are two additional public meetings scheduled this month at which the data on the six Preliminary Alternatives will be discussed:
- February 12, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at the UMass Center at Springfield
- Advisory Committee meeting on February 24, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., at the Sheraton Springfield Monarch Place Hotel.